

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 11, 14, 19, and 22 as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A control system, comprising:

a control apparatus adapted to receive an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from the controlled apparatus, and to display the operation panel on a display unit; and

an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus,

wherein said control apparatus includes a receiving unit adapted to receive a control signal from the operation apparatus, and a control unit adapted to determine whether ~~or not~~ to transmit a first command for operating the operation panel or a second command for operating the specific function from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus, [[and]]

wherein the control unit is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, whether the first operation unit or the second operation unit is being operated, and

wherein the control unit is adapted to transmit the first command from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus, if it is determined that the first operation unit is being operated, and to transmit the second command from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus if it is determined that the second operation unit is being operated.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein said control apparatus is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, which one of plural display elements in the operation panel is operated.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein said control apparatus is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A system according to claim 1, wherein said control apparatus is adapted to determine whether or not to transmit the second command from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein said control apparatus is adapted to change the operation panel according to data transmitted from the controlled apparatus.

Claims 6-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A control apparatus that receives an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from said controlled apparatus, and displays the operation panel on a display unit, said control apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit adapted to receive a control signal from an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus; and

a control unit adapted to determine whether ~~or not~~ to transmit a first command for operating the operation panel or a second command for operating the specific function from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus,

wherein said control unit is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, whether the first operation unit or the second operation unit is being operated, and

wherein said control unit is adapted to transmit the first command from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus, if it is determined that the first operation unit is being operated, and to transmit the second command from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus if it is determined that the second operation unit is being operated.

Claim 12 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said control apparatus is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, which one of plural display elements in the operation panel is operated.

Claim 13 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said control apparatus is adapted to determine according to the control signal whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said control apparatus is adapted to determine whether or not to transmit the second command from said control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

Claim 15 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said control apparatus is adapted to change the operation panel according to data transmitted from the controlled apparatus.

Claims 16-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method performed in a control apparatus that receives an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from the controlled apparatus, and displays the operation panel on a display unit, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a control signal from an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel[[,]] and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus;

determining whether ~~or not~~ to transmit a first command for operating the operation panel or a second command for operating the specific function from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus;

determining, according to the control signal, whether the first operation unit or the second operation is being operated; [[and]]

transmitting the first command from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus if it is determined that the first operation unit is being operated; and

transmitting the second command from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus if it is determined that the second operation unit is being operated.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of determining, according to the control signal, which one of plural display elements in the operation panel is operated.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of determining, according to the control signal, whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of determining whether or not to transmit the second command from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of changing the operation panel according to data transmitted from the controlled apparatus.